

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING**

July 8, 2020

9:15 a.m.

Calhoun County Council held a Special Called Emergency meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., who presided
Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Ken Westbury
Administrator John McLaughlin
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas
Deputy Administrator Lenessa Hawkins
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, in deference to SC Code of Laws Annotated Section 4-9-130: The Calhoun Times, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website www.calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Emergency Ordinance 2020-12 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 was presented for vote. Administrator John McLaughlin read the proposed Ordinance into the record.

Charles Williams, CEO of tRMC spoke to Council of his position that the Ordinance is needed to help try to slow down the spreading of the COVID-19 virus. He informed Council that the hospital is getting to a critical point in terms of available beds.

Next, Matt Trentham of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department spoke as to the enforcement portion of the proposed Ordinance.

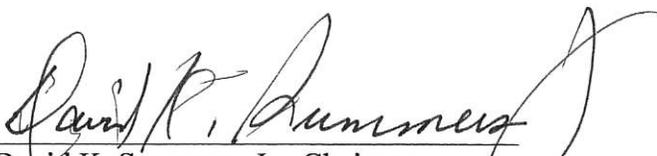
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After lengthy discussion, a vote was taken.

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-12 as written. Chairman Summers seconded. The vote was split 3-2, with Chairman Summers, Councilman Westbury, and Councilman Haigler voting yes, and Councilman Thornton and Councilman Nelson voting no. Since this was an Emergency Ordinance, a 2/3rd majority was required for passage, and this threshold was not met, meaning the motion failed.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman



Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

